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INDO-ISRAEL COOPERATION ON HIGH TECHNOLOGY AREAS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Israel have decided to set up a joint project for enhancing cooperation in high technology areas;

(b) if so, whether the two countries are likely to take up projects for development of products and processes that can be commercialized in the global market; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c) India and Israel have expressed their intent to establish the India-Israel Industrial R&D Cooperation initiative (IIRDCI) with the main objective of providing support for approved joint industrial R&D projeCts between entities of India and Israel, involving at least one industrial partner from each side, aimed at the development of products or processes to be commercialized in the global market.

A Statement of Intent on IIRDCI was signed on oath Dec. 2004, by Shri. Kapil Sibal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Ocean Development from the Indian side and His Excellency Mr. Ehud Olmert, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor, Israel, from the Israeli side.